

## **Creative mural unveiled on Marlborough Street**

### **Community arts project showcases ‘Movement in Time’ of Dublin City’s Transport Network**

**Dublin, Monday 18 August:** ‘The Marlborough Street Mural’, an artistic project led by well-known visual artist Alan Mongey with the help of a group of local students, was unveiled today at the corner of Marlborough Street and Marlborough Place, Dublin 1. The initiative was sponsored by Irish Life and Luas Cross City and facilitated by Dublin City Arts Office and Collen.

The creative and visually striking mural consists of a series of 44 panels measuring 8ft high and stretching over 150 feet in total. Based on the theme of ‘Movement in Time’ it depicts the development of Dublin city’s transport network through the centuries in a bold and colourful way, mapping the landscape from when Vikings invaded Dublin right up to contemporary Dublin, complete with the Spire and Luas tram. In an innovative feature, the mural extends to a height of over 12 feet at points where a round tower, Nelson’s Pillar and the Spire rise above the panels.

Visual artist Alan Mongey worked with a group of students from the After Schools Education & Support Programme, Crinan Strand, Dublin 1, on the mural’s design and execution. The project took approximately six weeks to be created. The students involved were; Elle O’Reilly, Casey Nugent, Nicole Nugent, Nathan Barrett and Robert McCann who were commended on their work and participation today at a certificate presentation ceremony following the unveiling of the mural.

At the launch of the mural, Tracey Deeks, Executive Director of Corporate Resources at Irish Life said, *“We were delighted to sponsor this arts project which is situated right beside our offices on Lower Abbey Street. We are committed to supporting the local community and helping to enhance the area, particularly at this time during Luas Cross City works. The mural is a bright and vibrant piece of visual art that should capture the imagination of passers-by while also being a welcome addition to Marlborough Street”.*

Ray Yeates, Dublin City Arts Officer said, *“This visionary project is in collaboration with our neighbours Irish Life and also with the Luas Cross City project. We would like to praise the artistic work of Alan Mongey and the five students involved. The outcome is a range of beautiful panels which will stretch along Marlborough Street and Place, appealing to passers-by, city dwellers and commuters, and will also introduce the idea of working together to enhance our community.”*

This community arts project is a creative collaboration between Irish Life and Dublin City Council Arts Office, who committed to develop an artistic piece around a site in Marlborough Street and Marlborough Place, which lies between the two offices. The site is currently being used as a worksite for the ongoing Luas Cross City Project.

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